

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS Veterans Health Administration 810 Vermont Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20420

December 18, 2018

FOIA Request No.: 18-01718-F

Jasper Craven MuckRock DEPT MR 44837 411A Highland Avenue Somerville, MA 02144

Dear Mr. Craven:

This letter is the second and final partial initial agency decision to your October 19, 2017 request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, submitted to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), FOIA Service requesting all correspondence between top VA leadership (all 15 listed at the following link https://www.va.gov/opa/bios/) and officials at McDermott Will & Emery with emails ending in @mwe.com between January 20, 2017 and present day. Your FOIA request was referred to the Veteran Health Administration (VHA) Central Office FOIA Office on November 24, 2017.

A search for VHA Central Office records, located in Washington, D.C., responsive to your request was conducted within the VA Office of Information Technology (OIT). OIT conducted an electronic search of the archived and encrypted email on the account pertaining to Dr. Carolyn Clancy using the search terms of "@mwe.com" for the time frame of January 20, 2017 through November 20, 2017. At the conclusion of the search, a "no records" response was provided for responsive records to your request. This concludes VHA's response to your FOIA request.

Please be advised that you may appeal the "no records" response to:

Office of the General Counsel (024)
Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20420
Email: ogcfoiaappeals@va.gov

If you should choose to file an appeal, your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted no later than ninety (90) calendar days from the date of this letter. Please include a copy of this letter with your written appeal and clearly state why you disagree with the determinations set forth in this response.

In addition to filing an appeal with the Office of General Counsel regarding my determination, you may also seek assistance and/or dispute resolution services regarding your FOIA request from VHA's FOIA Public Liaison and or Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) as provided below:

VHA FOIA Public Liaison:

Email Address: vhafoia2@va.gov

Phone Number: (877) 461-5038

Office of Government Information Services (OGIS)

Email: <u>ogis@nara.gov</u> Fax: (202) 741-5769

Mailing address: Office of Government Information Services

National Archives and Records Administration

8601 Adelphi Road

College Park, MD 20740-6001

Thank you for your interest in VA. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at (319) 530-7694.

Sincerely,

Amber Heim

VHA FOIA Officer